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ABSTRACT

The ever-increasing availability of electronic information resources online and on CD-ROM presents library media specialists, teachers, and students with a new set of challenges for accessing information. Electronic information resources enable access to nonlinear information, which allows searchers to explore relationships and make connections which they might not discover in traditional linear information sources. Library media specialists must be able to provide new users of electronic resources with basic search strategies that they can use easily as they move from one resource to another. This book describes four such basic search: browse searching, hypertext searching, hierarchical searching, and analytical searching. With its emphasis on resource-based teaching and student-centered learning, the book also serves as a tool to enable students to become independent users of electronic resources. Chapters include: (1) "Using Information Skills to Search Electronic Resources" (including the "Information Skills Model"); (2) "Working With Systems"; (3) "General Electronic Resources"; (4) "Electronic Catalogs"; (5) ""Electronic Periodical Databases"; and (6) "Specific Electronic Resources." Chapters three through six discuss unique features of that class of resources and also contain reproducible search strategy forms. A listing of CD-ROM publishers and a subject index are also included. (Contains 16 references.) (SWC)

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